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Blood donation and storage

1. Blood donors are now paid one zlot per c.c. of blood. Since the autumn of 1952, people have been saying that in view of the rise in prices, the price of blood would be raised.
2. The number of registered blood donors in Szczecin (Stettin) is approximately 200. A very small minority give their blood for humanitarian reasons, but the majority treat it as an addition to income.
3. Only very small quantities of blood are stored by hospitals in Szczecin. As their stocks get used up, they are replenished from the Voivodship Blood Bank of the Polish Red Cross, which is located on Aleja Wojska Polskiego in Szczecin. This station is popularly known as the Blood Bank or Blood Store. Blood is stored in small jars of 100 to 150 c.c. capacity.

Medical literature

4. Exclusively Soviet medical text books, which are partly translated into Polish, are used by medical students in Szczecin. The Medical Academy in Szczecin has an extensive scientific library, well-equipped with medical textbooks, but these do not include any textbooks published in the West. Apart from the library, there is a store in the academy where students may purchase textbooks as required. The price is from 60 to 110 zloty per volume. In view of the fact that the students receive very low scholarship grants (170 to 300 zloty per month, depending on their financial position and progress in studies, and in exceptional cases only, up to 400 zloty for Party youth leaders), very few can afford to purchase their own textbooks. This leads to constant shortage in the library of a number of textbooks for which students must often wait for several months.

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5. From time to time the Szczecin Medical Academy organizes book lotteries where, for a ticket costing one zloty, the lucky student may win a good but less urgently sought-after textbook. Most of the prizes are worthless propaganda brochures. In spite of this, the lotteries are very popular with the students as they always hope they may be lucky and win a textbook they really need.

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